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Minneapolis man indicted for distributing crack cocaine

A federal grand jury has returned an indictment against a 28-year-old Minneapolis man for allegedly distributing 110 grams of cocaine base, commonly known as crack cocaine. In the indictment, which was filed with the U.S. District Court earlier today, Tony Tawain Kennedy was charged with one count of distribution of cocaine base.

The indictment alleges Kennedy distributed 50 or more grams of crack cocaine on December 3, 2009. According to a Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") affidavit, authorities arranged for a controlled purchase of the drug from Kennedy on that date. When Kennedy arrived at the transaction site at approximately 4:48 p.m., however, authorities noted he had a 6-year-old boy in the vehicle with him. Nonetheless, Kennedy was arrested without incident.

If convicted, Kennedy faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the DEA. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Hollenhorst.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.